

Section I. (Amendments to the Specification)

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please insert below the title, before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/021049 filed 29 June 2004 in the name of Philip N. Bryan for "ENGINEERED PROTEASES FOR AFFINITY PURIFICATION AND PROCESSING OF FUSION PROTEINS," which claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/439,032 filed 6 August 2003. The disclosures of said International Patent Application PCT/US2004/021049 and said U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/439,032 are hereby incorporated herein by reference, in their respective entireties, for all purposes.